

Youthful Drivers

Table 34 shows the collisions involving youthful drivers. Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2006, more than one out of every four collisions involved a youthful driver. In 2006, youthful drivers were involved in 2.6 times as many crashes as you would expect them to be and were 2.9 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a crash.

Table 34 Collisions Involving Youthful Drivers (15 to 19 Years Old): 2002-2006							
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Change 2005-2006	Avg. Change 2002-2005
Total Collisions	7,720	7,368	7,408	7,309	6,216	-15.0%	-1.8%
Fatalities	50	45	39	38	38	0.0%	-8.6%
Serious Injuries	454	354	376	377	403	6.9%	-5.2%
Visible Injuries	1,709	1,478	1,258	1,156	1,233	6.7%	-12.2%
Possible Injuries	2,658	2,498	2,479	2,471	2,342	-5.2%	-2.4%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Collisions	408	328	335	326	339	4.0%	-6.7%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Collisions	16.2%	14.3%	13.8%	13.5%	14.1%	4.7%	-5.8%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	67,050	65,605	65,391	66,637	66,038	-0.9%	-0.2%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	7.4%	7.1%	6.9%	6.8%	6.6%	-3.3%	-2.7%
Driver Involvement Rate*	2.20	2.01	2.01	1.99	2.15	8.3%	-3.2%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	46	38	36	35	35	0.0%	-8.5%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	8	10	8	10	7	-30.0%	10.0%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	17.4%	26.3%	22.2%	28.6%	20.0%	-30.0%	21.4%
<i>*The Driver Involvement Rate is the percent of drivers involved in fatal and serious injury collisions divided by percent of licensed drivers. Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.</i>							

In 2006, the economic cost of collisions involving youthful drivers was \$356.3 million dollars. This represents 20% of the total cost of collisions (as shown in Table 4).